DETERMINATION AND FINDINGS FOR A SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT EXTENSION

Contract No.: CW10206

Caption: Family Reunification Home Services

Contractor: Sasha Bruce Youthwork

Program: Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS)

FINDINGS

1. **AUTHORIZATION:**

D.C. Code § 2-354.04 and 27 DCMR § 1304, 1700, 1701 and 2005.2(b)

2. MINIMUM NEED:

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services (DYRS) has a continued need for a Contractor to provide family reunification home services for male and female youth who are pre-adjudicated or adjudicated in the District of Columbia's justice system.

The period of performance shall be June 22, 2016 through June 21, 2017.

3. ESTIMATED REASONABLE PRICE:

The estimated fair and reasonable price for a sole source extension of this contract in a not-to-exceed amount of \$1,917,388.80 and is based on services rate under the Human Care Agreement (HCA) for the Extension.

4. FACTS WHICH JUSTIFY SOLE SOURCE PROCUREMENT:

The Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services is requesting an extension from June 22, 2016 through June 21, 2017 of its Human Care Agreement with Sasha Bruce Youthwork that provides Family Reunification Home Services which is a Community-Based Residential Facilities (CBRF) for youth requiring out of home placement have varying degrees of emotional, behavioral, and psychosocial needs. The request is being made because the current option expires.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork serves approximately 6 pre-adjudicated and adjudicated youth whose social factors indicate their permanent home is temporarily untenable for the youth to return. Each youth's typical length of stay may range from 30 to 365 days.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork provides short-term and community-based residential family reunification services designed to return detained children and/or youth in temporary out-of-home care or custody to their families of origin with focus to reuniting children and/or youth with their families in a stable and supportive home environment.

Sasha Bruce Youthwork is currently providing satisfactory services and is uniquely positioned to ensure continuity of services through its established infrastructure and demonstrated capacity in providing the services for the past five years.

To ensure a continuity of services, to provide the best family reunification services the committed youth and to comply with the Jerry M. Decree and other related court orders, DYRS has a need to extend its present HCA with Sasha Bruce Youthwork beyond option period four (4) while DYRS continues to revisit its process for qualifying organizations to provide services for family reunification homes including revising its Statement of Work relating to HCAs and to allow for the completion of the competitive procurement process to procure new family reunification home services providers. More importantly, if the sole source contract extension is not awarded, and DYRS has to move the youth to another facility, the youth's rehabilitation and previous progress could be negatively impacted. The youth's rehabilitation could suffer a major setback psychologically and/or sociologically due to the change of services. As a result, the youth and the community become at risk due to the youth's setbacks because it takes them from the course of services that the youth already receives. The youth would have to start from scratch to build relationships previously developed. The youth in the facility have emotional ties with the staff at Sasha Bruce Youthwork and other youth at the group home. Another precedent is that DYRS has no other community based placement to accommodate the youth at this time other than Sasha Bruce Youthwork. Returning the youth to a secure detention is a violation of their constitutional right. DYRS would be in violation of the Jerry M. Decree and other applicable court orders. Sasha Bruce Youthwork shall continue to provide services as presently outlined in the HCA, (CW10206) if award is permitted. Currently DYRS is revaluating its qualifications for a solicitation for Family Reunification Home. OCP will issue a new solicitation on or before July 1, 2016.

In consideration of the District's minimum need and the fact that a competitive solicitation is under way a market survey was not conducted.

5. CERTIFICATION BY AGENCY HEAD:

I hereby certify that the above findings are true, correct and complete.	
Date	Clinton Lacey
	Director
	Department of Youth Rehabilitation Services

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6. CERTIFICATION BY CONTRACTING OFFICER:

I have reviewed the above findings and certify that they are sufficient to justify the use of the sole source method of procurement under the cited authority. I certify that the notice of intent to award a sole source contract and Sole Source D&F was posted on the OCP website and no valid responses were received regarding the posting. I recommend that the Chief Procurement Officer approve the use of the sole source procurement method for this proposed contract.

Date

Yvette Henry

Contracting Officer

Office of Contracting and Procurement

DETERMINATION

Based on the above findings and in accordance with the cited authority, I hereby determine that it is not feasible or practical to invoke the competitive solicitation process under either Section 402 or 403 of the District of Columbia Procurement Practices Reform Act of 2010 (D.C. Law 18-371; D.C. Official Code § 2-354.04). According, I determine that the District is justified in the sole source extension method of procurement.

Date
George A. Schutter III
Chief Procurement Officer
Office of Contracting and Procurement